

Application No. 09/940,519
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 6, please amend the paragraph between lines 5 and 14 as follows:

Further, the plural (two in this preferred embodiment) separator plates disposed between each two friction plates arranged adjacent to each other are disposed separably from each other. The "separably" as used herein means ~~not only~~ that the individual separator plates can completely separate from each other and can freely move ~~but also that, even when each two mutually adjacent separator plates are adhered and fixed with each other with a thin member interposed therebetween, the separator plates can slightly move in an axial direction owing to elasticity of the thin member and/or an adhesive.~~